



**Distressed Community**  
**Rhode Island Open Space Grant Application**

***Recreation Acquisition & Development***

**PROJECT SPONSOR:**

1. Applicant's Name (Municipality):
2. Project Facility:  
Location (Street Address)  
  
Plat / Map                      Lot
3. Contact Person:
4. Address:
5. Telephone:
6. FEIN #
7. Target Dates:      Start:                      Finish:
8. **Project Type:**      (Indicate as many as possible)  
Acquisition:              Development of new facility:  
  
Rehabilitation of existing Facility:
9. Project Description:
- 10: Explain what new facilities will be developed or existing facilities that will be renovated.

## **COSTS / FINANACIAL DATA**

### ***Estimate of Project Costs by Element:***

Land Acquisition:

Architectural / Engineering Fees:

Demolition / Removal Costs:

Development Construction Costs:

Other Costs (specify):

**Total Costs:**

### ***PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES:***

**State:** Rhode Island Open Space Grant:

**Local:** Appropriation:

In-kind Services:

\*\* may not exceed 25%

Other:

**Total Funding:**

### **Public Participation:**

Renovation of existing facilities or new facility development less than \$25,000 (Grants) shall require the consent of the local governing body.

Projects in excess of \$25,000 (Grants) shall require public notice and at least 1 public hearing or meeting held not more the 120 days prior to the grant submission.

Date of Public Meeting or Hearing:

Date of Town/City Council meeting approving submission of this application:

## **SECTION A – PLANNING CONSISTENCY**

### ***25 Points Available***

1. ***Local Planning Consistency: (10 Points)***

The proposal satisfies priority needs documented in the Community Comprehensive Land Use Plan and conforms to the plan's acquisition and development schedule for project priority, timeline and cost. Identify the neighborhood or community needs for this project by citing references from the local plan.

2. ***State Planning Consistency: (10 Points)***

The project satisfies priority needs documented in the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), Greenspace and Greenways Plan and any other State Guide Plan elements identified by the RRRC. Points will be awarded based on the number and/or importance of recommended actions supported by the proposal. Cite Plans and References.

3. ***Applicant Priority: (5 Points)***

The applicant's highest priority application will receive 5 points. Additional application will receive progressively fewer points.

## **SECTION B -- OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

### ***10 Points Available***

**1. *Operation & Maintenance Requirement: (5 Points)***

Explain the operation and maintenance needs, including budget, equipment and labor for the proposed project. Explain how the municipality will fund the maintenance.

**2. *Maintenance Record: (5 Points)***

Explain applicant's maintenance of other outdoor recreation facilities in the municipality.

## SECTION C – BONUS FEATURES

**22 Points Available**

1. ***The project addresses multi-community or regional needs. (3 points)***
2. ***The project is part of a multi-phase project with a Master Plan. (3 Points)*** (Master Plan must be submitted with the application)
3. ***The project will improve the economy of an area.*** For example, the project spurs job creation, town center redevelopment or development of a facility in an area identified for revitalization in State or community programs. ***(5 Points)***
4. ***Project includes redevelopment of a Brownfield as defined by DEM Remediation Regulations. (5 Points)***
4. ***Special or Innovative Design Features: (3 Points)***  
Examples include “green design” features e.g. recycled materials, water or energy conservation, preservation of an historical feature, landscaping or habitat restoration.
5. ***Exceptional Features: (3 Points)***  
The project has special features not noted elsewhere in the application. For example, promotes arts, tourism or special programming.

## **SECTION D – PROJECT MERIT**

### ***22 Points Available***

1. ***Project is based on the need and/or demand for the proposed recreational activity in the area: (10 Points)***  
Project will address need for the type of recreational activity in the area. SCORP and Local Comprehensive Plan detail areas requiring additional recreation facilities.
  
2. ***Expanded Usage: (10 Points) The*** project adds recreational amenities or hours of usage (e.g. additional fields are added to a facility or lights are added so it can be used at nights)
  
3. ***Multiple Uses: (5 Points) the*** project integrates a variety of recreational opportunities providing activities for a mix of age groups and degrees of physical abilities.
  
4. ***Improved User Comfort or Safety: (5 Points) The*** project improves user comfort or safety such as the additional of sanitary facilities, fencing to separate recreational activities, benches, shade trees or shelters.
  
5. ***Equity, Service and Accessibility: (20 Points) The project will:***
  - a) Expand recreational opportunities to disadvantaged segments of the population
  
  - b) project is located within or provides service to a neighborhood identified in which low income and/or minority residents are over-represented
  
  - c) project is located in a densely populated neighborhood or neighborhood identified for revitalization by State or community plan

d) project is provides features which expand the recreational opportunities for physically challenged individuals ( such features to be in excess of normally mandated barrier-free accessibility standards)

e) The project is served by public transportation (within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of a bus stop) or is proximate to a bikeway.